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GERMAN CRUISER BLOWN UP BY HER CREW

SEVEN OF CREW WERE KILLED

INTERRED SHIP AT GUAM DESTROYED EARLY THIS MORNING.

ABOUT TO BE SEIZED

Bombs Exploded in Hold of Vessel As United States Marines Were Going to Take Possession. Crew Made Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The German interned cruiser *Cormorant* has been blown up by the crew in the harbor of Guam, the navy department announced today.

The ship was destroyed by the Germans as United States marines were going to seize the vessel. Two German warrant officers and five German enlisted men were killed.

Twenty German officers, twelve warrant officers and 321 enlisted men on the vessel were made prisoners.

The news reached the navy department this morning in a radio dispatch from the United States government of Guam.

No other details than the above were given out immediately by the navy department. It was said that there would be a fuller dispatch later.

A later official navy department statement was issued as follows:

"The German auxiliary cruiser *Cormorant* was blown up in the harbor of Apra in the Island of Guam today by the crew, the *Cormorant* sinking at once.

"One warrant officer and one enlisted man are dead. One warrant officer and four enlisted men are missing. Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and 321 enlisted men have been made prisoners."

ARMY ARE ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES. IN THE FIELD, April 7.—There is to be appreciable change in positions on the British front, according to today's official reports.

British artillery caused another big explosion immediately behind the German firing line, and airmen are unusually active in scouting, bombing railways and other raiding work over the German back areas.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTION REPORTED IN PROGRESS.

PARIS, April 7.—Violent artillery action, with considerable fighting between reconnoitering detachments, was reported from various sections on the western front in today's official statement.

A German attack south of Villa au Bois was repulsed and hand grenade fighting east of Champagne, with the advantage with the French forces.

If its news—the Light has it.

CUBA IS PLANNING TO DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY

HAVANA, Cuba, April 7.—A joint congressional committee has decided to report favorably a resolution declaring a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

The resolution will go before the lower house this afternoon when it convenes in extra session and is expected to reach the senate some time late tonight.

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NEAR STANDS WITH GERMANY

REPORTED DUAL MONARCHY HAS ALREADY BROKEN WITH UNITED STATES.

Austria-Hungary Has Formally Lined Up With Germany Against United States—Penfield Given Passports.

LONDON, April 7.—Austria-Hungary apparently has broken relations with the United States.

That Foreign Minister Czernin has instructed Count Tarnowski at Washington to demand his passports was reported from two sources here today.

A special agency dispatch from The Hague asserted it, so did a dispatch received by the Paris newspaper *Le Matin* from its correspondent at Basle.

This latter dispatch said that Austrian newspapers had made formal announcement of Austria-Hungary's alignment with her ally, Germany, against the United States.

The information contained in the dispatch from The Hague asserted that American Ambassador Penfield and his staff have been formally given their passports, and that the Netherlands government would probably represent the United States hereafter in Austria-Hungary.

Also it was reported that other members of the Central Powers' alliance, Turkey and Bulgaria, will shortly announce formal severance of relations with the United States.

Count Tarnowski has never been formally recognized as ambassador to the United States. He is in Washington and has been there for a month or more cooling his heels while waiting for the United States to receive him formally as a diplomatic envoy.

OFFICIALS KNOW NOTHING OF THE REPORTED BREAK

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Austrian embassy told the United Press this morning that officials there knew nothing regarding the reported break in relations with the United States.

The state department also announced that officials there "knew nothing about the report."

BRAZIL MAKES READY FOR BREAK

BELIEVED SOUTHERN REPUBLIC GETTING READY FOR WAR AGAINST GERMANY.

Entire Commercial Fleet Seized for Government Use—German and Austrian Legations Are Guarded.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 7.—The Brazilian government has requisitioned for governmental use the entire fleet of the *Companhia Comercio y Navegacion*, together with all docks and appurtenances "for purposes of national defense."

The German and Austrian legations have been put under guard.

Public excitement is at a high pitch against Germany and apparently favors Brazil's alignment with the United States against Germany.

SOME SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS REMAIN NEUTRAL

BUENOS AIRES, April 7.—Save for Brazil and possibly Bolivia, dispatches today from South American capitals indicate that all the republics are preparing to announce their neutrality through the issuance of specific proclamations.

Conferences are in progress in practically all South American capitals.

George Mitre, editor of *La Nacion*, today cabled his congratulations to President Wilson, explaining that his purpose in part was to try to offset the coolness toward the United States exhibited by the Argentine government.

ARMY CAMP IS DESTROYED

FIRE EARLY TODAY DESTROYED AMBULANCE CAMP AT FORT BLISS.

INVESTIGATING THE ORIGIN

The Fire Is Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin—Telephone Wires Were Cut During Night.

EL PASO, Texas, April 7.—The entire camp of the United States field ambulance company A at Fort Bliss was destroyed by fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, early this morning. The military authorities are investigating.

Telephone communication between El Paso and the outside world was badly crippled today as the result of long distance wires being cut last night. Sentries north of the city fired on two men who were seen tampering with wires, but both made their escape.

SENDS GREETINGS TO THE SLAVS

UNITED STATES SENDS MESSAGE OF GREETING TO RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

Declares It Has Arrayed Itself Against the Greatest Enemy of Democracy of the World.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—America today sent Russia a greeting in which it was declared that this country arrays itself against the greatest enemy of democracy of the world, and expressed rejoicing that the people of Russia have merged into a mighty democracy.

The message made a significant plea for internal accord in Russia in order to crush Germany.

PORT AT GALVESTON IS CLOSED AT NIGHT

GALVESTON, Texas, April 7.—The coast artillery commandant of this port today ordered the harbor entrance closed from sunset to sunrise, and announced that any vessel attempting to enter or depart would be fired on by the shore batteries.

PHILADELPHIA PORT CLOSED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 7.—The port of Philadelphia was today ordered closed to all traffic by night, and rigid restrictions will be placed on day traffic. The order was issued by Collector of the Port Berry and becomes effective at once.

TO GIVE THE ALLIES BILLION DOLLAR CREDIT

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The extension of credit to the allies of over one billion dollars and probably as much as five billion will be the first step of actual participation in the war under a plan to be suggested to congress by President Wilson, it was learned today.

GOVERNMENT ABANDONS THE CIVILIAN CAMPS

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The war department today issued orders doing away with the civilian training camps. They will be replaced with training camps for reserve officers. Such reserve officers' training camps will be established in each sectional department of the army.

One Arrest at Jacksonville. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 7.—Karl Fink, alias Charles Fink, a German, was arrested late last night for alleged activities in inciting negroes to rebellion, it was announced today.

MAY STAGE COAST RAID

STRANGE CRAFT IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OFF NANTUCKET.

THOUGHT TO BE RAIDER

Ship Believed to Be German Raider Reported Sighted Off Nantucket Shoals—Shipping Is Notified.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The navy department learned today of a strange craft off Nantucket light ship. The department did not give out the time the vessel was seen or from what source it obtained the information.

"Her nationality is not as yet known," it was officially stated.

That Germany may stage something spectacular against America in the next few days—such as a repetition of the U-53's visit—is the confident belief of some officials today.

The navy department, however, can be said to be on the full look out for just such a move. Everything is being done to check up on Germany's moves. Light houses and light ships have been mobilized with the navy and ordered to report any suspicious incidents along the coast.

The navy received reports unofficially today that a raider is also off Virginia cape.

BELIEVE RAIDER LYING OFF ATLANTIC COAST

NEWPORT, R. I., April 7.—The Nantucket shoals light ship reported a German raider sighted off Cape Henry, Deputy Collector of Customs Walcott notified all shipping and advised vessels to remain in harbor.

It is believed that naval vessels will immediately be sent out to search for the raider.

Alleged Spy Arrested.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 7.—A man giving his name as Johann Karl Grosbeger, an alleged German spy, was arrested today near here.

BREAD RATIONS TO BE REDUCED APRIL 16

BERLIN, via London, April 7.—The bread rations will be reduced beginning April 16, it was formally announced today. On that same date the meat rations will be doubled and the price reduced, the government paying the difference between the prices.

WIRELESS PLANTS ARE TAKEN OVER

ALL STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES NOW UNDER CONTROL OF THE NAVY.

Several Hundred Private Amateur Stations Are Closed and Discontinued—The Navy in Charge.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Shortly after noon today the navy department completed its task of taking over all wireless stations in the United States and its possessions.

In all fifty-six wireless stations heretofore used for commercial purposes are now under complete control of the navy department. The army wireless stations, of course, still remain under the control of the war department.

The navy department is now engaged in closing and dismantling all private amateur stations throughout the country and its possessions. Completion of this plan authorized by executive order placed the wireless systems of the nation under complete control of the navy department.

New Orleans Plant Closed.

NEW ORLEANS, April 7.—The large wireless plant of the United Fruit company here and those of the Marconi company were taken over by the naval authorities today. Officials also seized more than two hundred amateur wireless stations in the city.

NATION WIDE HUNT FOR GERMAN SPIES

SUMMERTIME STARTS IN ENGLAND DAY AFTER TOMORROW WHETHER OR NO

LONDON, April 7.—Summertime in England will start day after tomorrow. Nature has nothing to say about it, because the government decides such things for her.

Times have changed since celluloid collars were all the rage and automobiles only had two cylinders. Like artificial ice and cold storage eggs, the seasons have been taken completely out of the hands of Providence.

Summertime starts April 8, because on that date the clocks of the realm will be set forward one hour to save daylight. On September 23, the clocks will be set back again, and nature can suit herself about the seasons for the rest of the year.

RED FLAGGERS ATTACK WILSON

SOCIALISTS DECLARE THAT COUNTRY NEEDLESSLY INVOLVED IN WAR.

PRESIDENT IS DENOUNCED

Temporary Chairman of Convention Declared Wilson Was Hypocritical in His Pleas For Peace—War Criminal.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—Referring to the administration of President Wilson as hypocritical and saying that the socialist party has never believed the statement that President Wilson was a peace loving man, Morris Hilquitt, temporary chairman, opened the socialist convention here at noon today.

"The country has been violently, needlessly and criminally involved in war," he said, "and the unthinking people believe our declaration of war is only manifestation, but there will come a time when war will become grim and horrible to the people of this country as it has to Europe."

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES INCREASED BY WAR

CHICAGO, April 7.—The records of the marriage license bureau today told a significant story. Yesterday, the first day of the war, 293 marriage licenses were issued. The same day a year ago there were only 64 applications.

"Comment unnecessary," was the license clerk's comment.

Ennis to Organize Home Guards.

ENNIS, Texas, April 7.—A call was issued here yesterday for a meeting for Monday noon to organize a home guard and to begin drilling at once. Competent teachers will instruct in the rudiments of military tactics.

TWO MEN WOUNDED BY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN.

TRENTON, N. J., April 7.—Two men were shot by militiamen early this morning when they refused to obey orders of soldiers guarding the Pennsylvania railway property. Neither is expected to die.

ASK FOR CONSCRIPTION OF TECHNICALLY TRAINED MEN

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Secretary Baker asked the house military committee this afternoon to insert in the general staff army bill a new proposition for conscripting technical or technically trained men for the army for use as engineers and signal men and the like.

In the first discussion of the universal training the principle met

ROUNDING UP ENEMY ALIENS

SCORES OF ARRESTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AND OTHERS ARE TO FOLLOW.

SECRET SERVICE IS BUSY

Agents of the Department of Justice Are Rounding Up German Spies in Every Section of Country. After the Plotters.

WASHINGTON, Apr 7.—The government round-up of German plotters and all enemies to the republic is in full blast today. With scores already having been arrested or being run down countless other arrests will be made in a few days.

The enormity of this plotters' hunt can be imagined when it is remembered that statements were recently made on floor of the senate that 100,000 German spies had woven their intrigues in every section of this country.

While the chase is hot and will continue to be relentlessly carried on against any aliens suspected of affording aid and comfort to the nation's enemies officials again repeated their declaration that "well behaving" aliens need have no apprehension that they will be molested.

Chief interest today centers on the men who have long been trailed and card indexed because of their association with plotters' rings established in various sections of the country by Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed.

While the department of justice and secret service agents worked in deepest secrecy, refusing, for obvious reasons, to disclose even the facts of arrests that have already been made, it was taken for granted that another chief object in the hunt is to keep war time watch on hundreds of German reservists here who were unable to answer the call to the colors that sounded in 1914.

TWO EUROPEAN RULERS CONGRATULATE WILSON.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Wilson today received personal messages of congratulations upon his stand in accepting Germany's challenge to war from King George of England and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

RAILROADS MAY BE GIVEN INCREASED RATES.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—There are strong official indications today that the inter-state commerce commission will immediately take steps to grant an increase in freight rates to the country's railroads as a result of the changes in traffic due to war.

FEDERAL TRADES COMMISSION MAY FIX FOOD PRICES

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The possibility of the federal trades commission being designated to fix war prices on foodstuffs and all kinds of war supplies developed today, following an announcement that the commission had placed its services at the disposal of the national defense council.

ASK FOR CONSCRIPTION OF TECHNICALLY TRAINED MEN

with decided opposition in the senate committee when it met today. Two members are vigorously opposed to the principle of any kind of compulsory training.

The committee decided to take up the Chamberlain compulsory training bill Tuesday.

The regular army bill which failed to pass was reported without change and carried \$278,090,000.